



MANY VOICES - ONE COMMUNITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON RACE & RACISM

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Lynchburg City Council's vision includes the statement that *"Lynchburg acknowledges and values its rich cultural, ethnic, racial, and religious diversity while promoting a respectful and cohesive community."* It is in the spirit of that vision statement that the City of Lynchburg is embarking on a community dialogue about race and racism.

Rev. Keith Anderson Speaks at Pilot Launch



Tuesday, October 2nd saw an energized launch of the pilot study circles. The launch was highlighted by inspirational words from Rev. Keith Anderson of Eighth Street Baptist Church and Mayor Joan Foster.

During the months of October through November, these five pilot dialogues will allow for a firsthand experience of the power of an open, honest discussion about race and racism. The pilots are also a chance to practice for the actual study circles that will start in February.

Centra – 1st Leadership Partner



After sponsorship levels were recently formulated, Centra became the Community Dialogue's first financial sponsor on September 25. Centra Health partnered at the highest level with a donation of \$10,000. Lynchburg's Community Dialogue on Race & Racism has been featured on the Study Circles website for receiving this sponsorship. [Read More](#)

Communications

The Communications Committee has made some great strides by:

1. Submitting the Easley Foundation Grant
2. Formulated a plan for recruitment of 16-24 year olds to participate in the dialogue.
3. Confirmed a cable television show with taping schedule: October 17, November 14, December 12. All shows taped in Cable Studio, City Hall at 3:00 p.m. Programs shown on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.



Let Us Tell You More

Does your organization want to know more about this community-wide effort? A speaker's bureau has been formed by the Recruitment Committee. Please contact Leslie King at 455-4212 or [Email Leslie](#) to get first hand information presented to your organization.



Over 200 people have registered for the community-wide dialogue. To ensure that there is broad based participation in study circles, a strategic plan has been formulated for recruiting all populations represented in the city of Lynchburg.

Sponsorship Levels Announced



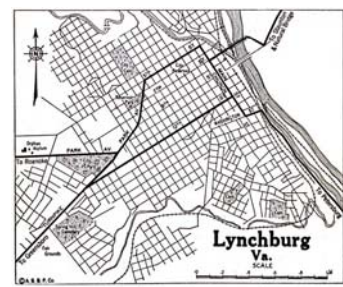
The Lynchburg Community Dialogue on Race and Racism seeks sponsors of cash and in-kind donations for the program. Undesignated contributions are the most welcome and the following levels of support will be recognized:

- **Leadership Partner - \$10,000 or higher**
- **Diamond Partner - \$2,500 to \$9,999**
- **Gold Partner - \$501 to \$2,499**
- **Partner - up to \$500**

Contact Margaret Schmitt, Coordinator for the Community Dialogue, at 455-4208 or [Email Margaret](#) for details about how to make your tax deductible donation.

Location, Location, Location

All over the city of Lynchburg there will be dialogue sites coordinated by the Logistics Committee. This committee confirmed all of the sites for the pilot study circles and continues to move forward in sites for the dozens of study circles scheduled in February.



For more information, please visit these links at the website:
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